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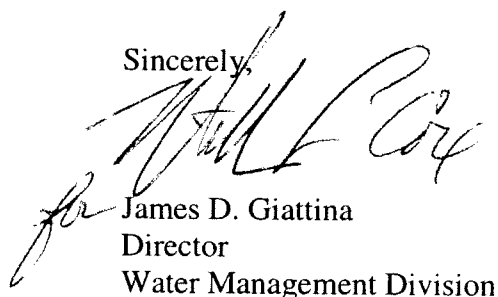
Janet G. Llewellyn, Director
Water Resource Management
Florida Department of Environment Protection
Twin Towers Office Building
2600 Blair Stone Road
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Dear Ms. Llewellyn:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4, has just completed its response to a March 2004 petition to withdraw Florida's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) authorization. The petition raised many different issues regarding Florida's NPDES program and the response took some years to complete due to several national policy issues that were raised.

However, the Region could not have finalized its response without critical input and tireless assistance from Elsa Potts. She served as the focal point for the numerous coordination activities that involved the District Offices and the Office of General Counsel. She and her staff always provided timely responses and updates to our many information queries. Please pass on my congratulations and thanks for her efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James D. Giattina", is written over the typed name and title.

James D. Giattina
Director
Water Management Division